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## **ACT Online Prep Opportunity for Students in Grades 9-12**

Dear High School Principals and Counselors,

The Office of Public Instruction and Montana GEAR UP are pleased to inform you that all Montana public high schools will receive a one-year license for ACT Online Prep.

This online test preparation program will be available to all students in your high school (grades 9-12) at no cost to them. With ACT Online Prep, they will have access to:

- Practice tests with real ACT test questions
- Practice essays for the ACT Writing Test, with real-time scoring
- Comprehensive content review for each of the ACT's four required tests English, Math, Reading, and Science

They will also be able to take a test that will diagnose their skill levels and develop a personalized Study Path to help them attain the scores they want. ACT Online Prep can be used anytime and anywhere they have access to the internet.

## How does my school access ACT Online Prep?

Your school's ACT Test Supervisor (as designated by the principal in September) will be your school's initial administrator for the ACT Online Prep. No later than February 28, the ACT Test Supervisor will receive an email from ACT with a link to the online program, a username, and a password. He or she will then be able to assign additional administrators and set up student accounts for every high school student who has an email address.

## What happens if students don't have email addresses?

Students who do not have an email address have two options:

- 1. Sign up for free email services through Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.
- 2. Have OPI set up a MetNet account. The Test Supervisor will need to send Ashley a spreadsheet for students who wish to have a MetNet account with the following information:
  - a. Student First and Last Name
  - b. Student Address
  - c. Student Phone
  - d. School Name

## **ACT Online Prep Training for Staff**

ACT and OPI will offer several training opportunities in February to introduce ACT school staffs to the ACT Online Prep program. The program features will be highlighted including the process for staff and student access, practice tests and items, and ways students can check their progress.

ACT and OPI will offer the trainings via webinar in February:

- February 13, 3:45-4:45, <a href="http://connect.opi.mt.gov/act/">http://connect.opi.mt.gov/act/</a>
- February 20, 3:45-4:45, <a href="http://connect.opi.mt.gov/act/">http://connect.opi.mt.gov/act/</a>
- February 27, 3:45-4:45, <a href="http://connect.opi.mt.gov/act/">http://connect.opi.mt.gov/act/</a>

Please contact Ashley Makowski at <u>amakowski@mt.gov</u> or 406-444-3511 if you have any questions about the ACT Online Prep.